UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/673,222	09/30/2003	Yuji Nakamoto	740819-1032	1593

22204 7590 11/09/2005

NIXON PEABODY, LLP
401 9TH STREET, NW
SUITE 900
WASHINGTON, DC 20004-2128

EXAMINER	
JOHNSON, VICKY A	

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
3682	

DATE MAILED: 11/09/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/673,222	NAKAMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vicky A. Johnson	3682	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) *Vicky A. Johnson*. (3)_____.

(2) *Thomas W. Cole*. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: *05 October 2005*.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: *Prior art of record*.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☒ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: *See Continuation Sheet*.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

10/12/05

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative traverses the combination of the Mishima et al reference and the Mitsutsuka et al reference as being an improper combination. The combination of the prior art references is proper because they are both used to teach reducing noise of a belt, and they are in the same environment. The proposed amendment to claim 1 of "and intersections of said warps and wefts stand out from the belt surface, and wherein between a larger and a smaller angle that the two directions of consecutive yarn intersections of the warps and wefts make across the widthwise direction of the belt, the smaller angle is 5 degrees to 20 degrees inclusive, and the larger angle is non-parallel to a longitudinal axis of the belt to prevent noise generation when the belt is in operation." is allowable of the prior art of record, but would require further search and/or consideration.